# INTEGRATED M.A. ENGLISH

# SYLLABUS (FIRST & SECOND SEMESTER)\* IN AFFILIATED COLLEGES 2020-21 ADMISSIONS ONWARDS

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#### SEMESTER I

Course category	Title of the course/paper
Course/Paper I	Communication Skills in English, by V.Sasikumar, P.Kiranmai Dutt and
Common Course in English	Geetha Rajeevan. Cambridge University Press India Pvt. Ltd Co-published with Department of Printing and Publishing, Mahatma Gandhi Univesity, Kottayam in 2009.
Course/Paper 2	Russian Literature
Core Course (conventional)	
Course/Paper 3 Core Course (conventional)	Introduction to English Prose
Course/Paper 4 Core Course (non- conventional)	Elementary Course in Film Studies
Course/Paper 5 Complimentary Course	History of Ideas : Classical Age to Renaissance.

# SEMESTR II

Course category	Title of the course/paper
Course/Paper 6 Common Course Second Language	Second Language -Malayalam/Hindi
Course/Paper 7  Core Course (conventional)	Introduction to the English Poetry
Course/Paper 8 Core Course (conventional)	French Literature
Course/Paper 9 Core Course (non- conventional)	Writing for Media
Course/Paper 10 Complimentary	History of Ideas : Post-Renaissance

Core Course (conventional)

**Russian Literature** 

**Course Objectives:** 

This course seeks to introduce the students the masterpieces of Russian Literature. The course attempts to provide detailed information to the student regarding the processes and texts chiefly responsible for the evolution of Russian Literature as a separate branch possessing characteristic features which sets it apart from others.

#### **Course Description:**

The course explores the great golden age of Russian literature, a period in the 19th century when Russia's writers equalled or surpassed the achievements of the much older literary cultures of Western Europe. The first module gives an introduction to the Russian Fiction. The second module is a compilation of poetry by Pushkin, Lermentov, Tvardovsky, Akhmatova, Brodsky, and Blok. The third module presents a play by Gogol. The fourth module is a collection of short stories by giant masters of Russian Literature and the fifth module is a novel by Solzhenitsyn.

Module 1

"Russian National Character as shown in Russian Fiction" from "On Russian Novelists"- William Lyon Phelps

**Module 2 Poetry** 

Alexander Pushkin - The Cart of Life

Mikhail Lermentov - Death of a Poet

Aleksandr Tvardovsky- I'm Killed near Rzhev

Anna Akhmatova - Lot's Wife

Joseph Brodsky - Odysseus to Telemachus

Aleksandr Blok - The Twelve

Module 3 - Play

**Gogol – The Inspector General : A Comedy in Five Acts** 

**Module 4- Short Story** 

Fyodor Dostoevsky – A Novel in Nine Letters

Maxim Gorky – Her Lover

Leo Tolstoy- God Sees the Truth but Waits

**Anton Chekhov – The Beggar** 

**Module 5- Novel** 

Alexander Solzhenitsyn - One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

Core Course (conventional)

Introduction to English Prose.

**Objective:** 

To familiarise students with variety of forms, diction, styles, structures and modes used by different prose writers of various ages.

**Course Description:** 

The paper, divided into five modules, includes an introduction to prose to acquaint students with various types of essays followed by representative works from each period to enlarge the understanding and appreciation of the functions of diverse essays. On completion of the course, the students should be able to differentiate and relate various forms of essays and analyse the matters discussed in the political, social, historical and cultural context.

**COURSE OUTLINE** 

Module 1

**Introduction to Prose:** 

- Essay formal/impersonal essay and informal/personal essay
- Types of essays: periodical essay, critical essay, satire
- Life Writing: biography, autobiography, memoir and diaries.

**Core Reading:** 

1. Hudson, W.H. An Introduction to the Study of English Literature. Chapter:

The Study of the Essay.

2. A Concise Companion to Literary Forms. Chapter 4. Emerald, 2013. Pages

92-99

Module 2

**Early Prose Writings:** 

- 1. Philip Sydney: Excerpt from An Apology for Poetry (The last 9 paragraphs, starting from "For my part, I do not doubt,... The Defense of Poesy edited by Albert S Cook)
- 2. Thomas Moore: Excerpt from Utopia Thomas Moore to Peter Giles sendth Greeting
- 3. Francis Bacon: Of Studies
- 4. Samuel Pepys: (An extract of some events from Pepys' Diaries9 January 1660, 31 August 1665, 3 and 4 September 1666)

Module 3

**Neoclassical Prose:** 

- 1. Richard Steele: Recollections of Childhood
- 2. Joseph Addison: Meditations in Westminster Abbey
- 3. James Boswell: Excerpt from The Life of Johnson (1751 and 1752)
- 4. Jonathan Swift: The Bee and the Spider (The Battle of Books From
- "Things were at this crisis when a material accident fell out..." to "... which are sweetness and light")
- 5. Oliver Goldsmith: The Man in Black (Part I)

Module 4

19th Century Prose:

- 1. Charles Lamb: Dream Children
- 2. William Hazlitt: On Familiar Style
- 3. Thomas Dequincy: The Pleasures of Opium (Confessions of an Opium Eater)
- 4. Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barret Browning: Excerpt from Letters of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barret Browning (Jan.10, 1845 and Jan 11, 1845)
- 5. John Ruskin: What is a Good Book? (Excerpt from Sesame and Lilies –

From "The good book of the hour...." to "...-you cannot get at him but by its ministry")

# **Module 5**

# 20th Century Prose:

1. G K Chesterton: On Running after One's Hat

2. J B Priestley: On Doing Nothing

3. Sir Max Beerbohm: Seeing People Off

4. George Orwell: Shooting an Elephant

5. E.M Forster: What I Believe

Core Course (non-conventional)

**Elementary Course in Film Studies** 

**Objective** 

To familiarize the students with the basic concepts of film studies and its relation with literarure. This course will introduce the students with the basic concept of films and will familiarize them with different genres of film.

**Module 1 Introduction** 

Film as performing arts- genres of film- spatial dimension: film stock, lighting, camera angle, movement, point of view, editing/ montage- temporal dimensions: slow and fast motion, plot time, length of film, flash back, foreshadowing- acoustic dimension: dialogue, music, sound effects.

Refer Mario Klarer: An Introduction to Literary studies

Mise-en-scene: setting, props, costume, lighting and acting

Refer Andre Dix Beginning Film Studies Chapter 1

Film and Narrative: Russian Formalists at Cinema, Time and Motion Pictures, the sense of an ending, Narrative and Power.

Refer Andre Dix Beginning Film Studies Chapter 4

**Module 2 Adaptations** 

This module comprises different adaptations from literature. This module focuses on the relationship between literature and film. Focus must be on the narrative styles and its differences.

Great Expectations directed by David Lean 1946

Schindler's List directed by Steven Spielberg 1993

Vidheyan directed by Adoor Gopalakrishan 1994

Haider directed by Vishal Bhardwaj 2014

**Module 3 Classics in Films** 

This module includes various classics in films. The focus should be on the mise-enscene- and other film techniques used in the films.

**Chaplin's The Great Dictator** 

William Wyler's Ben-Hur

**Robert Wise's The Sound of Music** 

Sathyajith Ray's Pather Panchali

**Module 4 Documentaries/ Short Films/ Docufiction** 

This module includes documentaries, short films and docufiction. Here focus must be on the techniques used in these genres and the narrative.

Norman McLaren"sThe Chairy Tale.

Albert Lamorisse's Red Baloon.

Jules Naudet's 9/11.

P. R. Sreekumar's Vallithai.

Abbas Kiarostami's Close-Up

**Module 5 Contemporary Films** 

This module comprises of contemporary movies that has caught the attention of film connoisseurs. Focus must be on the narrative and mise-en-scene.

Kim Ki-duk's 3-Iron

Majid Majidi's Children of Heaven

**Christopher Nolan's Memento** 

Lijo Jose Pellissery's Jallikettu.

**Suggested Films for further Reference:** 

Battleship Potemkin by Sergei Eisenstein

Rashomon by Akira Kurosawa

The Seventh Seal by Ingmar Bergman

Vertigo by Alfred Hitchcock

**Appu Trilogy by Satyajit Ray** 

Elipathayam by Adoor Gopalakrishnan

Chemmeen by Ramu Kariat

Life is Beautiful by Beninji

**Suggested Reading** 

Film Studies: An Introduction by Ed Sikov

How to read a film by James Monaco

Film Form by Eisenstein

Beyond Fidelity: The Dialogics of Adaptation by Robert Sam

The Formulation of the Classical Style by Kristin Thompson

The Documentary Handbook by Peter Lee-Wright

The Oxford Handbook of Film Music Studies edited by David Neumeyer

"Film Form and Narrative" by Allan Rowe Chapter 4 of An Introduction to Film Studies edited by Jill Nelmes

"The Shot: Mise-en-Scene" Chapter 6 of Film Art : An Introduction by David Bordwell and Kristin Thompson

Naming and Labelling Documentary Fiction:No Better Way to Tell It. By Georges Fournier Universite, Jean Moulin

#### Complimentary Course

**History of Ideas: Post- Renaissance** 

#### Aims of the course

The course is designed so as to introduce to the learners the beginning of Western philosophical thought and its evolution up to the Renaissance period. It aims at providing a foundation to comprehend the fundamental philosophical concepts. The pursuance of the course is expected to instil in learners a critical thinking disposition.

#### Objectives of the course

On the completion of the course, the learner should be able to identify the major figures in Western philosophy up to the Renaissance period. The learner should be able to trace the evolution of the different schools of Western thought. He/she should be able to recognise the crucial issues that spurred the philosophical ruminations.

#### **Course Outline**

#### Module 1 - The Beginning of Western Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy (1-3) - divisions of philosophy (Metaphysics, Epistemology, Value theory and Logic) (3-7) – Argumentation (7-9)

Ancient Greek conception of the world – Odyssey (18-21) – Homer's world (21-25)– The Trojan War (25-27)– Hesoid's creation story – Hades – Okeanos – Chaos – Gaia (27-30) – Egyptian and Babylonian influence (31-35)

The First Philosophers (Pre-Socratics) (37-40) – Thales (41-43) - Anaximander (43-46) – Anaximenes (47-49) - Heraclitus (49-54) - Parminides (54-59) – Zeno's paradox (59-61)

#### **Module 2 - Classical Greek Philosophy**

#### Part A

Socrates - Plato's Socratic dialogues (63-66) - the Euthyphro dilemma (66-67) - Socratic method of inquiry and learning (67) - self-knowledge (68)

Plato – Particulars and Universals or "forms" (71-73) – world of becoming and world of being (73-74) – allegory of the cave (74-76) – Plato and Aristotle in Raphael's The School of Athens (81-82)

Aristotle – syllogism or deduction (88-89) - ("desire to know") "four causes" – the material, the formal, the efficient and the final(90-92) – matter, form and change (93-94) – actuality and potentiality (94-95) — Aristotle's ethics(96-99)

Part B

**Excerpts** 

Plato – "Allegory of the Cave" (Appearance and Reality) (from Republic) - Cottingham page 69 (73)-76

Aristotle – "Four Types of Explanation" (from Physics) - Cottingham page 413-415

Module 3 - Hellenistic and Roman Thought

Cynics' rejection of conventions – Diogenes (107-109), Crates and Heparchia (109) - Zeno of Citium (beginning of stoicism) (112)

Stoics' indifference – Zeno (112-13), Chrysippus (113-114) – logic, physics, ethics (114-115) – two notions of Stoic calm (116-117) – "preferred indifferents" (117)

Sceptics' impossibility of knowledge – Pyrrho (indifferent, unstable and indeterminate nature of things) (118-119) – Academic Sceptics (119) – Agrippa's trilemma(119-121) – Aenesidemus (121-122)

Atomists' materialism – Leucippus and Democritus - universe populated by atoms and void – materialist concept of soul (130-133)

Epicureans' pleasure principle – Epicurus (124-127) – arguments on the irrationality of the fear of death (non-existence and symmetry argument) (128) – soul made up of atoms (134) -naturalistic account of the gods (135) – the problem of evil (135-136) – polydeism (137) – pleasure as good (137-140) – the decline of Epicureanism (141-141)

Part B

**Excerpts** 

Seneca – "Life Guided by Stoic Philosophy" (from Moral Letters) Cottingham page 768-771

Lucretius- "How to Accept Reality and Avoid Fear" (from On the Nature of the Universe) – Cottingham page 765-768

Module 4 - Faith and Philosophy

Part A

Augustine – sin (147-150) - City of God and City of Babylon (150-151) - eternal Truth (152) - proof of God's existence (153) - influence of Plato and Plotinus (Neoplatonism) – all Being is caused by "the One" (155) – emanation (155-156) – Augustine as a Plotinian (156-157)

Islamic influence – Ibn Sina (God as Necessary Existent) (159-160) - Al- Ghazali (God as all-powerful) (160-161) - Ibn Rushd (God as designer) (161-165)

Moses Maimonides – thoughts on Bible and God (165-166)

Medieval philosophy – (Causes for negligence) – diversity, necessity to acquaint with Latin and Arabic, dominance of theology (168-170)

Scholastics – lectures and disputations (171-173)

Anselm of Canterbury – father of scholasticism - ontological argument (173-176)

\*John Duns Scotus (John the Scot) – rejection and affirmation of Neoplatonism and Aristotlelianism,- "thisness" of a thing

Thomas Aquinas – Summations (180) - "The Five Ways" to prove the existence of God (movement, causal sequences, proof from the contingency of the world, comparable qualities and teleological behaviour) (181-183)

\*William of Ockham – conception of universals as just mental objects- principle of parsimony (Ockham's Razor) - judicious reconciliation of Aristotle's philosophy and religious doctrine

Part B

**Excerpt** 

Thomas Aquinas – "The Five Proofs of God" (from Summa Theologiae) Cottingham page 348-351

Module 5 - Renaissance and the Beginning of Modern Thinking

Part A

Limitations of the parochial concerns of the Scholastics (187-189)

Emergence of Renaissance humanism – rediscovery of Greek classical texts (190-191)

Niccolo Machiavell's political philosophy – separation of the issues of morality and leadership - advocacy of strong leadership (191-196)

Francis Bacon - scientific method (197) - "false idols" (idols of the tribe, cave, marketplace and the theater) (197-199) - eliminative induction (199-201)

Influence of Copernican and Galilean model (202-204)

#### Part B

## **Excerpt**

Francis Bacon- "Experimental Methods and True Causes" (from Novum Organum) Cottingham page 416- 421

#### **Texts for Reference**

\*Core text - Garvey, James and Jeremy Strangroom. The Story of Philosophy: A History of Western Thought. Quercus, 2012.

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2nd ed., Blackwell Publishing, 2008.

\*The course is intended to impart preliminary knowledge in philosophy and the evaluation should be based on the topics given in the syllabus from the core text.

#### **Suggested Reading**

- 1) History of Philosophy Frank Thilly
- 2) The Story of Philosophy Will Durant
- 3) The History of Western Philosophy Bertrand Russell
- 4) Philosophy and Philosophers: An Introduction to Western Philosophy John Shand
- 5) A Little History of Philosophy Nigel Warburton

Core Course (conventional)

**Introduction to English Poetry** 

**Course Objectives and Outcome:** 

The course is a chronological survey of British poetry from the Age of Chaucer. The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the pleasures, insights and complexities of poetry. At the completion of this course, the young readers will be able to understand, appreciate and analyze British poetry across ages. They will also be familiar with a variety of poetic forms, styles and devices. The selections will be studied within the social and cultural context in which they are produced. The students will hopefully explore and enjoy examples from the genre of poetry.

**Module1: Chaucer to Milton** 

**Geoffrey Chaucer: The General Prologue to Canterbury Tales: Introduction lines 1-35** 

Shakespeare: Sonnet 18 Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?

**Edmund Spenser: Sonnet 75 One Day I Wrote her Name** 

John Donne: The Canonization

John Milton: L'Allegro

**Module2: Dryden to Burns** 

John Dryden: Shadwell

Alexander Pope: "The Atticus Passage" from Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot (Lines 193-214)

Thomas Gray: Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard

Robert Burns: For a'that and a'that

William Blake: The Tyger

Module 3: Wordsworth to Rosetti

William Wordsworth: Sonnet upon a Westminster Bridge S.T.Coleridge: Kubla Khan

**P.B.Shelley: Ode to West Wind** 

John Keats: Ode on a Grecian Urn

**Robert Browning: My Last Duchess** 

D.G. Rosetti: The Blessed Damozel

**Module 4: Yeats to Larkin** 

**WB Yeats: Second Coming** 

T.S. Eliot: Journey of Magi

W.H. Auden: The Shield of Achiles

**Stephen Spender: The Pylons** 

Philip Larkin: Church Going

**Module 5: Sitwell to Duffy** 

**Edith Sitwell: Still Falls the Rain** 

Elizabeth Jennings: On a Child Born Dead

**Ted Hughes: The Thought-Fox** 

**Geoffrey Hill: In Memory of Jane Fraser** 

**Andrew Motion: The Last Call** 

Carol Ann Duffy: War photographer

Core Course (conventional)

#### French Literature

Course Objective: To offer a firm grasp of the French literary, historical and cultural environment which would enable the learner to appreciate and analyse major writers and works as part of wider culture.

Course Description: The course is designed to familiarize the learner with the French literary culture from the Revolution of 1789 to the present. The introductory module seeks to provide a philosophical/theoretical orientation to French sensibility and aesthetics. The remaining modules on poetry, short story, novel and play provide a comprehensive idea of French literature which would equip the learner to appreciate the rich subtlety of French literary expression in relation to movements like Romanticism, Realism, Modernist/avant-garde developments like Symbolism, Existentialism, Absurd, Surrealism, Cubism, Dadaism, Naturalism, Decadence etc.

#### Module I: Essay

- 1. Michel de Montaigne "Of Fear", "Of Liars"
- 2. Charles Baudelaire "Beauty, Fashion and Happiness"

from The Painter of Modern Life and Other Essays (pp 1-4)

3. Albert Camus "The Myth of Sisyphus"

from The Myth of Sisyphus and other Essays (4 pgs)

# **Module II: Poetry**

- 4. Victor Hugo "Setting Suns"
- 5. Stephane Mallarme "The Tomb of Edgar Allen Poe"
- 6. Guillaume Apollinaire "One Evening"
- 7. Yves Bonnefoy "Just before Dawn"
- 8. Marie Claire Bancquart "As for me, I love an Older Man"

**Module III: Short Story** 

1. Honore de Balzac "Sarrasine"

- 2. Francois Coppe "A Piece of Bread"
- 3. Guy de Maupassant "The Necklace"
- 4. Jean Paul Sartre "The Wall"

Module IV: Novel

1. Stendhal The Red and the Black

**Module V: Play** 

1. Jean Genet The Balcony

Core Course (non-conventional)

#### Writing for Media

Aims and Objectives: The course is deigned to familiarize the students with different aspects of media communication.

#### 1. Introduction to media and perspectives on the media:

Emergence and historical foundations of Media Studies. Process/ Transmission approach, Semiotics, Structuralist approach, Ideology and meanings. Fundamentals of Visual language, visual methodologies. Marxist, Feminist, post-colonial readings in media – Hegemony – Media imperialism - Popular Culture - Culture Industry- Notion of the public sphere.

#### 2. Tools of the profession (media platforms)

Print media, Radio Production, Television, social media and content sharing platforms

#### 3. Reporting conventions

Print media: types of reporting: Investigative reporting, accident reporting, business reporting, sports reporting, legal reporting, Specialized reporting.

Radio news - news-room management, news coverage, news formats, news presentation and structure and content of news bulletins.

Television Journalism- Television news gathering - TV news writing styles - TV News presentation. Stages of programme production

#### 4. Writing and editing stylesheets

Styles of news writing .Feature writing and Article writing; Lead-Headline-Editorials-Letter to the editor; Book and Film reviews- Interviews; Writing for magazine

Scripting for Radio and TV; Film Fundamentals of film scripting, screenplay and production

#### 5. New-media

Online Journalism-Online reporting- Language and styles of online journalism; Tools for news gathering: News determinants in Cyberspace: Dos and Don'ts of internet reporting: New media techniques

Page make up and Software solution; In Design and Quark Express. on-line and off-line editing, VFX and chroma-key. Sound Recording software, sound effects, mixing and dubbing.

## **Reading List**

Mc Quail, Dennis Mass Communication Theory, Sage: University of Amsterdam: 2010.

Mencher, Melvin. News Reporting and Writing. Columbia University .2010

White, Ted. Broadcast News: Writing, Reporting and Producing. Focal Press. Oxford. 2005

Feldman, Tony. An Introduction to Digital Media. Routledge. London.1997

Quinn, Stephen. Digital Sub-editing and Design. Focal Press. Oxford. 2001

Quinn ,Stephen, Vincent F Filak. Convergent Journalism: An Introduction - Writing and Producing across media. Focal Press. Oxford.2005

Complimentary Course

**History of Ideas : Post-Renaissance** 

#### Aims of the course

The course intends to familiarise the learners with the evolution of Western philosophy from the Renaissance period to the twentieth century. It aims to make the learners understand the rise of intellectual traditions in relation to the socio-political changes. It serves as a point of commencement to explore the later theoretical developments in literature and culture.

#### Objectives of the course

On the completion of the course, the learner should be able to identify the major figures in Western philosophy from the Renaissance period up to the early twentieth century. He/she should be able to trace the evolution of various movements and approaches to philosophy impacted by history and society. The learner should be able to recognise the crucial philosophical concerns that impelled the advent of diverse literary and cultural theories.

**Course Outline** 

Part A

Module 1 - Rationalism

Rationalism (207-8)

Rene Descartes – Discourse on Method (209) – careful reasoning – mathematical model -

Four rules for the direction of thought (209-10) – Meditations on First Philosophy (211) – indubitable truth (211) – God and evil demon (213) – cogito, ergo sum (213-214) – Cartesian dualism (214) – the existence of God (214-215) – the Cartesian circle (215 – 217)

Baruch Spinoza – Theologico-Political Treatise (217) – Ethics Demonstrated in Geometrical Order –God as a substance consisting of an infinity of attributes (218-219) – emotions or affects (219-220)

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz – monads (221- 223) – Leibniz's Law or the Identity of the Indiscernibles (222)

Part B

**Excerpt** 

René Descartes: "New Foundations for Knowledge." (From Meditations) Cottingham page 21-25.

Module 2 - Empiricism

Part A

**Empiricism (225-227)** 

John Locke – An Essay Concerning Human Understanding- rejection of innate ideas (229) – experience as source of ideas (230) – sensation or reflection (230) – simple and complex ideas (231) – primary and secondary qualities (231) – substance (232) – four kinds of agreement and disagreement (232) – three degrees of human knowledge (intuitive, demonstrative and sensitive) – personal Identity (234-235) – memory (235) – Hume's scepticism of the self (235-236) – Second Treatise – social contract and state of nature (253-255) – property rights(256-257)

George Berkeley- matter does not exist – ideas and minds exist (236) – esse is percipi (237-239)

David Hume – A Treatise of Human Nature- universal principles of human nature (240) - An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding – Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact (240-241, 242) – cause and effect (241-242) – habit (242-243) – resolution to scepticism (243-244)

Part B

**Excerpt** 

John Locke: "Qualities and Ideas" (From Essay Concerning Human Understanding) Cottingham page 86-90.

Module 3 – Idealism

Part A

Rationalists and Empiricists (269-270)

Immanuel Kant – The Critique of Pure Reason – reason as object of its own enquiry(271) – analytic and synthetic propositions(272) – a priori and a posteriori propositions (272) – four types of propositions (273) – relationship between mind and world of experience (274-277) – 12 categories that shape our sensory experience (275) – Kant's views on metaphysics (276-277) – types of idealism (277-278) – Kant's idealism (278-279)

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel – The Phenomenology of Spirit- reality comprises a single, absolute mind (or consciousness) termed Spirit (281) – self-certainty (281- 284) – dialetic of Master and Slave (284, 285) – Hegel's dialetic (thesis, antithesis and synthesis) (284-286) – Hegel's influence (286-287)

Part B

**Excerpt** 

Immanuel Kant: "Experience and Understanding" (From Critique of Pure Reason) Cottingham.page 40-43.

Module 4 – Political and Ethical Thoughts

Part A

Divine right of kings (Jean Bodin) – its rejection (247-249)

Shift from mechanical to organic solidarity (Emile Durkheim) (248)

Thomas Hobbes – state of nature (249-250) – fear of death (three laws- desire and seek peace, give up part of our liberty, people must keep their own covenants (250-251) – Leviathan (252)

Jean-Jacques Rousseau – civilization as a corrupting influence (257) – noble savages (258) – The Social Contract (258- 259) – general will (259)

Mary Wollstonecraft – rights of women (259-260) – A Vindication of the Rights of Women- education (260)

Karl Marx – Communist Manifesto (261) – nature of human beings (262) – freely chosen cooperative labour (262-263) – alienation (263) – bourgeoisie and proletariat (263-264)

Ethical problems (288-292)

Divine command theory (292-296)

Jeremy Bentham – panopticon (296) – utilitarianism, Principle of Utility (297-301) – hedonic calculus (298) – John Stuart Mill ("Utilitarianism") (299-300)

Moral law – the categorical imperative (304-307)

Virtue ethics – Elizabeth Anscombe ("Modern Moral Philosophy") (307-308)

Part B

**Excerpt** 

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels: "Property, Labour, Alienation." (From The German Ideology) Cottingham page 659-665.

#### **Module 5 Early Twentieth Century Philosophical Concerns**

Part A

Existentialism (312-313)

Soren Kierkegaard - personal choice and commitment (314) – 'knight of faith' – biblical figure of Abraham (314-316)

Friedrich Nietzsche – attitude to Christianity (316) – death of God (317) – Ubermensch (the Superman) (317-318) – Is Nietzsche a nihilist (318-320)

Jean-Paul Sartre- Being and Nothingness – nature of consciousness (321-323)- 'Being for-itself' (the For-itself) and 'Being in-itself' (the In-itself) (321-323) - intentionality (321-322) anguish and bad faith (323-326) – live authentically (make choices) (327-328)

Simone de Beauvoir - The Second Sex - idea of the Other (328-330) – transcendence and immanence (analysis of male and female lives) (329)

Psychoanalysis (Sigmund Freud) – unconscious (334-335) – dream analysis (335) - tripartite model of human psyche - id, ego and superego (336)

The Frankfurt School (337-342)

The authoritarian personality (339-340)

Herbert Marcuse (Eros and Civilization) – surplus-repression and performance principle (341-342) – false needs (342)

Bertrand Russell - logical-analytic method (359-364)

Logical positivism (verification principle) (365-367)

Ludwig Wittgenstein – Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus – propositions as logical pictures of facts (367-369) – role of philosophy (369-370) – "language games" (370-372)

Part B

**Excerpt** 

Friedrich Nietzsche: "The Death of God and the Ascendancy of the Will." (From Thus Spake Zarathustra) Cottingham .page 786-791

**Texts for Reference** 

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## **Suggested Reading**

- 1) Classics of Western Philosophy Edited by Steven M Cahn
- 2) The Great Philosophers: An Introduction to Western Philosophy Bryan Magee
- 3) An Illustrated Brief History of Western Philosophy Anthony Kenny
- 4) The Columbia History of Western Philosophy Edited by Richard H Popkin
- 5) How the World Thinks: A Global History of Philosophy Julian Baggini

#### Suggested Un-conventional courses for the Integrated MA Programme

- 1. Film Studies
- 2. Media Studies
- 3. Environmental Studies
- 4. Wellness Studies & Life Skills [Disability Studies Trauma, LGBT Queer]
- 5.Legal Literacy Fundamentals of the Indian Constitution, Human Rights [Women, Children, Elder Citizens and the Differently Abled], Labour Welfare, Censorship, Right to Information, & Cyber and Patent Laws
- 6. Translation Studies
- 7. ICT & Computing- Soft Skills
- 8. Spatial Studies, Travel & Tourism
- 9. Diaspora Literature & Ethnicity/ Literature of Diaspora & Ethnicity
- 10. English Language Teaching [ELT]/ Applied Linguistics
- 11. Classics in Translation.
- 12. Course of English for Competitive Exams, Interviews and Ground Discussion & Business English for Specific Purpose/ English for Competitive xams & Commerce.
- 13. Queer and LGBT Studies
- 14. Medical Humanities
- 15.Narratology
- 16. Writing War.